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## it pours!

# Smeltzer attends Voyager launch

Carole Patterson

When the Voyager II planetary explorer was launched Aug. 20 from Kennedy Space Center in Florida, there was the usual amount of fanfare. This year, however, there was an addition. NWMSU's Dr. Jim Smeltzer was in attendance.

The NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) project is the third such conference in which Dr. Smeltzer has participated. He was present when Pioneer II circumnavigated Jupiter and when the Viking probe landed on Mars.

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"I've had at least five or six years involvement with Nasa," said Smeltzer. "I didn't pay much attention to it until I started teaching here. I had to follow it to know what was going on."

The physics professor has been on the NWMSU staff since 1969. He holds a doctoral degree from Oklahoma State University.

Of the nearly 100 educators asked to attend the launch, Dr. Smeltzer was one of a few positioned at the press site, some three miles closer than the others in the conference. His press credentials allowed him to broadcast a live report of the launch on KXCV-FM, the University radio station.

Project Voyager will probe Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune in its 12-year flight. Both Voyager II and Voyager I (a similar spacecraft launched Sept. 1) utilize "gravitational assist," a method of propulsion in which the spacecraft is accelerated by gravitational pull as it sweeps by a planet.

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Smeltzer described as "very interesting and exciting," the professor was able to visit the space center's firing room and experience a simulated launch of Apollo XI.

"That sound system actually shook the room!" said Smeltzer. "The launch of the Voyager was smaller than that of Apollo, but it did shake the ground."

On board the Voyager II is a "cosmic greeting card" composed of diverse types of music and other earth sounds including rain, automobiles, laughter and nearly 60 languages. Also present are photographs of life on earth, including extensive study of the human anatomy and the earth's geography.

Goals of the Voyager Project are to discover: (1) what Jupiter and Saturn are composed of; (2) how strong the magnetic field of Saturn is, and; (3) why Jupiter and Saturn radiate more energy than they receive from the sun.

"That sound system actually shook the room!"

Powerful camera equipment on board the spacecraft is expected to produce highly detailed photographs of the planets.

Dr. Smeltzer emphasized the importance of the Voyager Project, as he does all space programs. "The technology developed to take men to the moon and planetary exploration programs has been applied specifically to earth. Calculators began to appear after the moon landings," he said.

However, the public is not as interested in the space program as a few years before.

"The general population is not quite aware of the spin-off that's occurred," said Smeltzer. "Space shuttle will probably be the next thing that will get people excited."



Smeltzer launches

Dr. Jim Smeltzer viewed the Voyager II launch from the press site. Smeltzer, physics professor, has been involved with NASA for "five or six years." (Photo by Frank Mercer.)

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Students are shown in the Annex Cafeteria. The Cafeteria, which was re-opened after a two-year vacancy, is serving meals daily again. High Rise residents were required to purchase a 10-meal plan as a part of the experiment. (Photo by Robert Pore.)

## University establishes new graduate center

On the campus of Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph next spring will be a NWMSU Graduate Center.

Designed to offer master's degree-level curricula in education and business administration, this graduate program will also offer other degree requirement courses but other graduate degrees cannot be completed on the MWSC campus.

Dr. Leon F. Miller, NWMSU Dean of Graduate Studies, said that it is "possible for students pursuing an M.S. Ed. in elementary teaching to complete all degree requirements in St. Joseph if they follow a proper sequence in offerings. The same is true of an MBA degree."

Working with Dean Miller to establish this Graduate Center is Dr. Robert Nelson, MWSC Academic Vice-President.

For several years, NWMSU has offered graduate courses at St. Joseph's Lafayette High School. The decision to establish the Graduate Center, which was finalized on Aug. 19 by NWMSU President Dr. B. D. Owens and MWSC President Dr. M. O. Looney, will be a move to MWSC from Lafayette High School with an anticipated expansion of the graduate program.

"This move," stated Dean Miller, "will make courses at St. Joseph more readily

available and will increase the enrollment from the southern part of the NWMSU service area."

President Owens feels that the Graduate Center will "allow us to assist Missouri Western State College develop their library with graduate-level holdings, and utilize college classroom and laboratory space not currently being used in the evenings."

During the 1977 Fall Semester, NWMSU is offering 10 graduate level courses in education, business administration, psychology and home economics at Lafayette High School. The schedule and registration date of the new Graduate Center for the 1978 Spring Semester have not yet been announced.

According to Dean Miller, "efforts will be made later this month to publicize more information to public schools and businesses within commuting distance of St. Joseph."

## Cafeteria opens for High Rises

Positive attitudes are found in the offices of two new food service directors who are working to reorganize plans for student meals.

Reopening the High Rise Cafeteria and helping SAGA, the campus food service operator, are major projects for Bob Smith, director of food services, and Bill Wilson, high rise cafeteria manager.

Preparing the high rise facility, which has not been used as a cafeteria for two years, is a continuing effort for Wilson. Del Simmons remains as the Student Union cafeteria manager.

From the students who benefit from the High Rise Cafeteria, Debbie Devault is one who believes "it's a lot more convenient for the people living in the High Rises. I think I eat a lot more meals than I would if I had to eat at the Union."

Darla Staples would like to see the program expanded one step further, saying "it's good, but I wish it was on weekends, too."

Referring to the required 10 meal plan for High Rise residents, Kim Daily pointed out "I don't think it's fair, but I think a lot of people would take it anyway."

Employees for the High Rise Cafeteria averages 13 fulltime and 135 parttime workers. About 500, 700 and 1,100 students are served during breakfast, lunch and dinner respectively. Figures for the Union cafeteria were not available.

Thomas Catlett, director of auxiliary services, explained that additional meals out of the norm are scheduled. These include nine festive meals representing various cultures, complete with decorations, as this week's Italian night. Steaks will be served once a month, and on weeks without a festive meal or steaks, "pace changers" as "ice cream excursions" or "make your own sundae" will be offered.

In order to keep in touch with the students' preferences, Catlett added that students will be included in committees to plan the festive meals, and food service surveys will be taken.

In reviewing the food service operation, Wilson noted that the "university maintenance department has been very helpful; everyone has been super cooperative" in creating the renovations.

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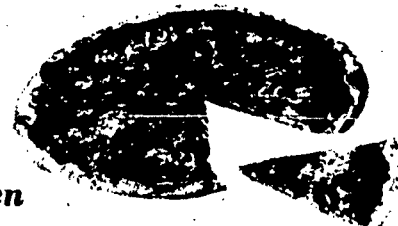
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## Bearcat prowls

Kathy Delk

The team's behind; the crowd, dead. No enthusiasm, no cheering, no yelling is taking place. The atmosphere--funeral-like.

Suddenly, a Bearcat begins bouncing around in front of the downcast crowd. He shouts, cheers, does a few stunts, trying to inspire the gathering. As if catching fire, the crowd, one by one, begins standing, clapping and shouting with the Bearcat mascot.

"A lot of people think I'm crazy," said junior Steve Scroggins, NWMSU Bearcat mascot. "But, I also think the students and faculty sort of look up to me for what I've done for the school."

Scroggins, a physical education major, became the mascot during his freshman year. He felt that the school lacked enthusiasm, so he decided to do something about it.

During a basketball game he attended, Scroggins said he felt like he was at a funeral. "I knew other people wanted to cheer. The cheerleaders weren't doing anything, so I just started cheering."

Afterwards, he talked to a few people about being the mascot. He got the go-ahead, then bought himself the costume.

This past summer, Scroggins attended his first cheerleading tournament at Notre Dame. A man who had seen Scroggins at one of last year's basketball games told him about the tournament. Scroggins was sent some literature, and he decided to go. He placed second in the nation.

"Fifteen mascots from all over the nation were chosen to go. Schools like USC, UCLA and Notre Dame were there," explained Scroggins. The tournament was held during a high school all-star game.

"During the halftime, each person put on an act. The idea was to see who could keep

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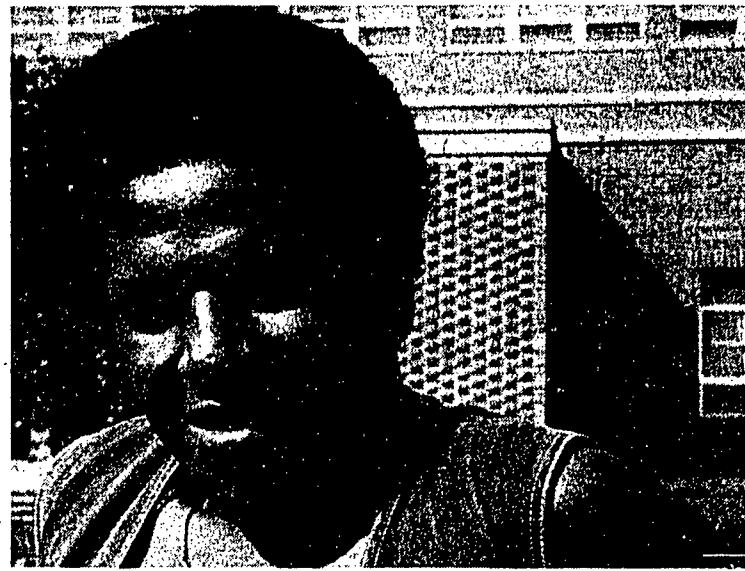
the crowd cheering the longest. I did the same routine that I do here, hollering awfully loud. I got real hoarse," he grinned.

To Scroggins, cheerleading comes from the heart. He said that a person who is dedicated won't let his spirit get down and is always able to get the crowd riled up. Yelling and hollering never fails to get a crowd out of the dumps, he said.

An example of this happened this past summer at Kansas City's Royals Stadium. The Royals were playing the Chicago White Sox. Scroggin was there selling Frosty Malts.

"Chicago fans had come down to see the game and were cheering for the White Sox. They were making all the noise in the world," said Scroggins. "I decided that the Royal fans needed some help, so I started cheering and banging on my box. Everyone in the section got up and started cheering."

Scroggin's manager came up and asked him to quit beating on his box and to leave the section. He left, but eventually went back. This time with a whistle.



Steve Scroggins, Bearcat mascot, placed second in the Notre Dame cheerleading tournament this summer. Scroggins, a summer employee at Kansas City Royals Stadium, is shown above in his Bearcat costume pondering play on the field and relaxing on campus in civilian dress. (Photos by Chuck Stolz and Mike Sherer.)

"My manager came back and yelled 'you're fired!' A lot of people got upset and followed me up to the main office. Otis Taylor and a few other people took me up to Ewing Kauffman's office. He's the man who owns the stadium," Steve explained.

Kauffman wanted to know who had fired Scroggins, because he'd also been cheering along with him. Scroggins' manager was called to the office, and Scroggins was rehired.

"Later that night, Mr. Kauffman called me and asked if I had any hard feelings. I told him I didn't. He then asked me if I would have dinner with him the next night in his box

**He decided that the Royal fans needed help so he started banging on his Malt box.**

and watch the game from there. He also told me if I ever needed another job to come and see him about it," said Scroggins.

Scroggins' activities at NWMSU include being a member of Blue Key (a honorary fraternity on campus) and intramural activities. At the present time he is working on getting on the Dean's List.

"There's lots of times I've been razed about being the mascot--most of it has been friendly. I think people respect me for what I do," explained Scroggins. "I think cheerleading's a talent that I have and feel I should use--I enjoy it."

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# Bearfacts

If your organization does not receive a letter within the next week concerning Tower group pictures, please contact Beth Binney, activities editor, or any staff member at Ext. 187. An appointment needs to be made for your group on one of the following dates: Oct. 3-6 or Oct 10-13. Pictures will be taken at ten-minute intervals from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

A Fly-in will be held Sept. 18, with a breakfast starting at 7:30 a.m. The Fly-in is sponsored by Jurgens Airport, west of Maryville.

Flyers will be coming from all over the country, demonstrating different flying techniques. Airplane rides will be given, at two cents a pound. There will be a time set aside for free airplane rides.

Also at the Fly-in will be a display of radial control model airplanes. Flying demonstrations will take place at various times during the day.

The public is invited to attend the Fly-in. It is scheduled to last all day.

Morning mass will be held this year at 11 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. Evening mass will be at 5:30 p.m. at the Newman House, 606 College Ave.

Ernie Woodruff, interim band director, led the Bearcat Marching Band in their debut at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Rickenbrode Stadium. Woodruff replaced Dr. Harold Jackson, chairman of the Music Department, whose duties as chairman have become so heavy that his full-time attention to administrative responsibilities is essential.

Woodruff was assistant marching band director last year under Dr. Jackson.

The Student Missouri State Teachers Association will have an organizational meeting in the Maple Room of the Student Union Building. The meeting has been changed to Sept. 21, 7:00 p.m.

Seniors interested in applying for Danforth Graduate Fellowships should see Dr. James Saucerman by October 15.

The Fellowships will be open to students wishing to teach on the university level and who plan to study for Ph. D.'s. Applicants must be college seniors and they must apply through Dr. Saucerman.

The Danforth Foundation will award the Fellowships in April, 1978.

Opportunities to understand and reinforce positive self-images will be available through the assertiveness training workshop beginning Sept. 20. Rick Long, Student Counselor, will be in charge of the workshop which will meet from 3-4:30 Tuesdays and

Emphasis on good eating will be the goal of the Weight Control Group, led by Dave Sundberg with meetings held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Maple Room in the Union. Two classes will be held, one from 4-5 p.m. and the other from 5-6 p.m., beginning Sept. 20. Those wishing to join the group should contact Sundberg in Cauffield Hall.

The Third Foundation Science Fiction Club will meet in the Hawthorne Room 7 p.m. Sept. 21. The main focus of the meeting will be to discuss *Star Wars*.

Five positions are currently open in the Student Senate for those students who are interested and qualified: freshman president, freshman senators, graduate representative and off-campus senator.

Anyone with the above classifications may apply for the position desired by picking up a petition in the Senate office located off the East Den between 10-2, Monday through Friday, from Sept. 13-20.

Petitions are due at 5:00 p.m., Sept. 20. Elections will be held Tuesday, Sept. 27.

The Soil Conservation Club will hold a get-acquainted meeting 7:00 p.m. Sept. 15 in rm. 224 east on the second floor of the Administration Building. All individuals interested and concerned about the conservation of natural resources are invited to attend.

Two study skills workshops began this week under the direction of Rick Long, Student Counselor. The groups, who meet 11-12 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 3-4 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays will deal with specific study skills.

An organizational meeting of the Archery Team and Fencing Club will be held at 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Martindale Gym in rooms 211 and 210 respectively. Interested students must have had some experience. Contact Dorothy Walker Rm. 207 Martindale.

The Bicycle Club will hold its annual Open Century Ride (100 miles), Sept. 8, rain or shine. Cyclists must bring their own water, food (preferably fresh fruits), spare tube and pump. Interested cyclists should meet at the Bell Tower at 5:45 a.m. There will be breakfast at the Hitching Post before the ride. The route will go south and east of Maryville to Conception and Guilford, then north to Bedford, IA, returning to Maryville. All routes are paved state roads which are lightly traveled. Patches will be given to those completing 50 and 100 miles respectively. All cyclists are welcome. For more information contact Richard Landes in 307 Garrett-Strong.

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Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids will be featured in a dance in Lamkin Gymnasium tonight. The six-member band, will perform a wide-range of 50's rock 'n' roll.

Entering Lamkin Gymnasium on the Northwest Missouri State University campus Sept. 16, at 8 p.m., will be like entering a giant time machine.

You'll be carried back to a time of ducktails, '57 Chevies, a pack of Luckies rolled in a T-shirt sleeve, narrow white belts, and mountaineer boots.

And you'll be carried back to that time by Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids, a six-member group that has never left the world of 50's rock 'n' roll.

Flash and the Kids will be on campus for a Union Board-sponsored dance at 8 p.m. in Lamkin Gymnasium. Tickets will be at 1950 prices with individual admissions at \$1.00 and couples to pay \$1.50. The no smoking, no drinking, no eating policy will be enforced.

The group had its beginnings at the University of Colorado in 1969, formed to parody the "Fabulous Fifties" and preserve the music of those years. Later there was a movie called "American Graffiti," and the group became widely known.

Costumed to the period, with letter sweaters, black leather jackets, and slicked back hair, Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids are a synthesis and caricature at the same time.

The six-piece band does rock 'n' roll with the necessary gruffness, and with also a satiric needle, that's where the fun is.

A wide-range of publications have hailed the live performances of Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids.

Rolling Stone says, "Their live performances prove they can cut all competition to ribbons." UCLA's Daily Bruin called their appearance, "the most enthusiastically received performances ever seen on campus." And the Los Angeles Times says, "Any one who laments the passing of rock and roll, should shake, rattle and roll (not stroll) down to where the fantastic Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids will be ripping it up."

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Cadillac and the Continental Kids

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## International films shown

A dozen outstanding films will make up this year's Northwest Missouri State University International Film Series, which begins Sept. 18.

Presented by the University's Performing Arts Committee, the series is free to all NWMSU students, faculty, and staff. All showings start at 7:30 p.m. in the Horace Mann Auditorium.

The fall semester line-up includes: Sept. 18, - "Casablanca," (1943) directed by Michael Curtiz and starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. This all-time Hollywood classic of wartime intrigue and romance features a memorable gallery of characters, including the piano player Sam, who plays "As Time Goes By" once, and then plays it again.

Oct. 2, - "Holiday," (1938) directed by George Cukor. This is an example of the American movie comedy of the 1930s, with stars Cary Grant and Katherine Hepburn in top comic form.

Oct. 18, - "Citizen Kane," directed by Orson Welles (1941). Welles' brilliant first film is back for an encore showing. The cast includes Welles in the title role (based on the life of publisher William Randolph Hearst) and the mysterious and elusive Rosebud.

## Union Board movies slated for fall semester

Movies For The Fall Semester

Sept. 15 & 16. . . . . **The Omen**

Sept. 22 & 23. . . . . **Silent Movie**

Sept. 29 & 30. . . . . **Swashbuckler**

Oct. 13 & 14. . . . . **The Shootist**

Oct. 20 & 21. . . . . **Obsession**

Oct. 27 & 28. . . . . **Demon Seed**

Nov. 3 & 28. **One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest**

Nov. 10 & 11. . . . . **Rocky**

Nov. 17 & 18. . . . . **Bugsy Malone**

Dec. 1 & 2. . . . . **Taxi Driver**

Dec. 8 & 9. . . . . **Murder by Death**

All movies will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursday and at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Friday with the exception of **The Omen** which will be shown at 7 p.m. Sept. 16. The movies are shown in Horace Mann Auditorium and the cost is .50 with a student I.D. card. No smoking, food, or drink is allowed inside.

Oct. 30, - "Harold and Maude," (1971) directed by Hal Ashby, starring Ruth Gordon and Bud Cort. This comedy is the love story of a necrophiliac teen-ager and a 79 year-old lady. The film is punctuated with sharp jabs at motherhood, the military, psychiatry, and computer dating.

Nov. 8, - "The 400 Blows," directed by Francois Truffaut (1959). This prize winning first feature film by Truffaut is an autobiographical account of the director's own childhood. It tells the story of a young boy, not loved at home or wanted at school, who sinks into a private and fugitive existence that leads to reform school.

Nov. 29, - "Medium Cool," (1969), directed by Haskell Wexler. Playing on Marshall McLuhan's phrase "the cool medium," Wexler used a television cameraman as the eyes through which the 1968 Democratic Convention riots are viewed.

## Performing Arts events

**Kansas City Lyric Theater in "The Marriage of Figaro"**

8 p.m. Oct. 27 Charles Johnson Theater

This excellent regional opera company brings to NWMSU its fully staged production of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's delightful comic opera, "The Marriage of Figaro," sung in English.

**Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company**  
8 p.m. Nov. 3 Charles Johnson Theater

The appearance of the Ririe-Woodbury company this season is the latest in a long series of performances on campus by the finest American dance companies. The evening performance climaxes a full week residency by this widely acclaimed modern dance troupe.

**National Theater for the Deaf**  
8 p.m. Nov 14 Charles Johnson Theater

The National Theater for the Deaf, a unique group of deaf actors, has achieved an international reputation for its remarkable and sensitive performances.

### Ticket Information

The following ticket price schedule applies to all events except the lectures, which are free to all:

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Student Admission:

No charge with NWMSU Activity Ticket, or \$1.00 single admission.

Single admission tickets are available at the Theater Box Office the evening of the performance. Season tickets are sold at the Student Union Office and at the Box Office until the end of October.

## Capsule preview; 1977--78 schedule of theater events

There will be four major productions offered by the Speech and Theater Department this year with a Children's Theater production by Alpha Psi Omega also in the offing.

The season opens with the magical fantasy of **Dark of the Moon** by Howard Richardson and William Berney. It concerns the mythical dealings of Barbara Allen and the Witch Boy, John, who wants to become a mortal human being. It is a folklore play, including mountain music and dancing. It premieres 8 p.m., Oct. 6-9 in the Charles Johnson Theater in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building. The director is David Shestak.

Next is **Summer Tree**, this year's American College Theater (ACT) presentation, which won the Vernon Rice Award for best Off-Broadway production in 1968. It is a sensitive drama concerning the problems and fears of young people in today's uncertain society. It is a "powerful indictment of war, and a celebration of the good things of life. Very moving and ultimately tragic," said Director Dr. Charles Schultz. It will be presented 8 p.m., Nov. 17-20 in the Little Theater in the

administration Building. (Location may be changed.)

Then Alpha Psi Omega will present a Children's Theater show tentatively scheduled for Dec. 9-11. The location is as yet undetermined.

A Neil Simon Comedy, **God's Favorite** will be presented next. It is a sophisticated comedy about the book of Job. "They said it could never be done," laughed Schultz, "but if anyone could do it, it's Neil Simon." Job is a New York financier with a couple of kooky kids and a very trying wife. It is, by its very nature, a satiric comedy, replete with a messenger from God wearing a big "G" on his sweatshirt. The date is Feb. 23-26.

One of Shakespeare's finest works, **The Tempest**, is the last major production for this year. Often thought to be Shakespeare's most beautifully poetic play, it is also a dark comedy about righting wrongs and deals with the reconciliation of the younger and older generation. It was one of Shakespeare's last works, and said Schultz, "Shakespeare has by this time mastered the life cycle. A tremendous work." It will be presented 8 p.m. April 20-23 in the Little Theater.

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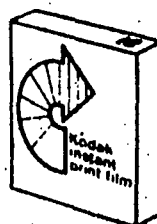
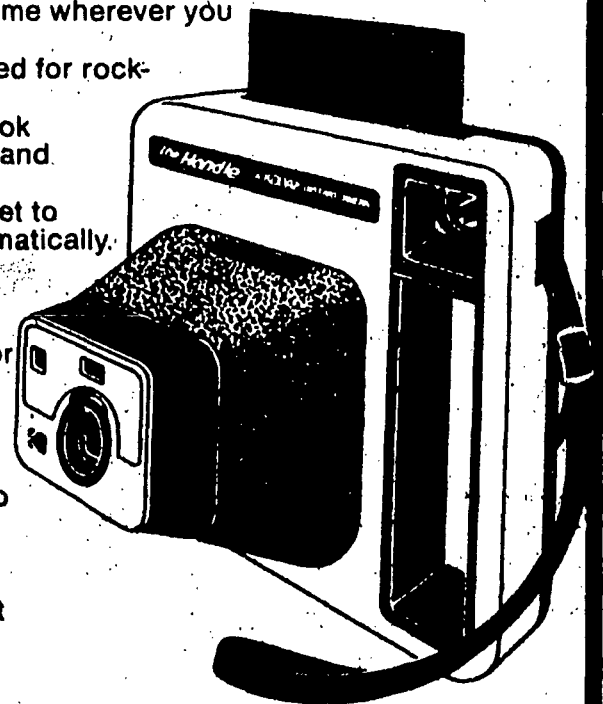
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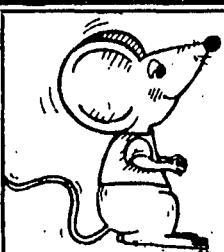
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# "The times they are a-changin'....."

## Introducing. . .

As the school year begins, students may notice several changes in the administration.

One major difference is that in the office of the President. On July 1, 1977, Dr. B. D. Owens began his duties as president of this campus. President Owens, a 1958 graduate of NWMSU was formerly president of the University of Tampa, Tampa, FL.

Since beginning his duties, President Owens has been a busy man. He has reviewed many of the college's programs and has begun some new ones, like the newly established NWMSU Graduate Center at Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph. Longer range plans include "more clearly defining the goals and directions of this University," and to "continue the high quality residential campus we have here."

President Owens and his wife Sue, who is also a NWMSU graduate, have two sons, Brent, 15; and Kevin, 13.

Dr. Robert Bush, former Dean of Admissions and Student Records, now serves as Assistant to the President. Bush has several responsibilities as the President's assistant. He has the administrative responsibility for coordination of federal programs and for on and off-campus activities and relating to faculty, students, and university organizations. Bush's wife, Betty, is also a NWMSU graduate and their family consists of Greg, 14, Jeff, 11, and Traci, 9.

The position of Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculties brought a new face to campus. Dr. George W. English, former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the University of Evansville, IL, will be responsible for the academic program on campus. He will work with the Registrar and Student Services to "increase the quality of instruction." English and his wife, Juanita, have two children Sandra, 17 and Edward, 10.

A more familiar face, Dr. John Mees begins a new job this semester. Formerly Acting Provost, Mees is now Vice-President for Student Development and Acting Dean of Faculties until Dr. English takes charge. Mees, who previously worked with faculty matters, admissions and placement will now be heading various duties. He works with organizations such as the Health Center, Counseling Center, Student Union, Intramurals, Admissions, Placement, Housing and Financial Aids. Mees is looking forward to "seeing the whole area of student development emerge as a total educational living and learning experience." One of the goals Mees is working on is intra-campus communications. "I'd like to see greater participation, involvement and cooperation between the faculty, students and staff. I would also like to see students be provided with learning situations which capitalize on greater involvement and responsibilities in the decision-making process."

Mees and his wife Joan have two daughters, Jill, 12, and Jennifer, 7 and one English Sheep dog who is also a family member.



## 'Locked me up and threw away the key'

Dorm keys have not been issued to students this semester in an effort to decrease vandalism and theft within the dorms.

Instead of each student possessing an outside key, night hosts and hostesses have been posted by dorm doors between 12-4 a.m. Students must present either their room key or their I.D. card to gain entry into the dorm.

Director of Security Earl Brailey stated that this has been established "to increase and improve security on campus and to prevent vandalism and theft."

Brailey explained that the decision to try the night host and hostess system was made this summer during a meeting of the Deans, Students Phil Hayes, Director of Housing Bruce Wake, representatives from the Plant, the area coordinators and himself.

Brailey stated he is certain this "situation will decrease vandalism in the dorms, as well as thefts," and also decrease the number of men's dorms after hours. He is also hopeful that the number of false fire alarms will be fewer than last year's total of twenty-three.

Dieterich-Franken area coordinator Rob W. agreed with the idea that the new system will reduce vandalism, a problem that has been with. He said that there are

currently no funds available to improve the dorm, as they have been depleted, trying to fix the vandalized areas of Dieterich.

Student's first reaction was adverse, Wheeler stated, but after meeting with the Franken Dorm Council Wednesday night, he concluded that the "plan seems to be working. It's not as bad as it was first thought to be."

NWMSU is not the only college with night hosts and hostesses. Wheeler stated that there are Eastern schools that have been using the system for several years.

Bruce Wake, director of housing, agreed with this statement and added that there are "several Missouri colleges already enforcing the plan."

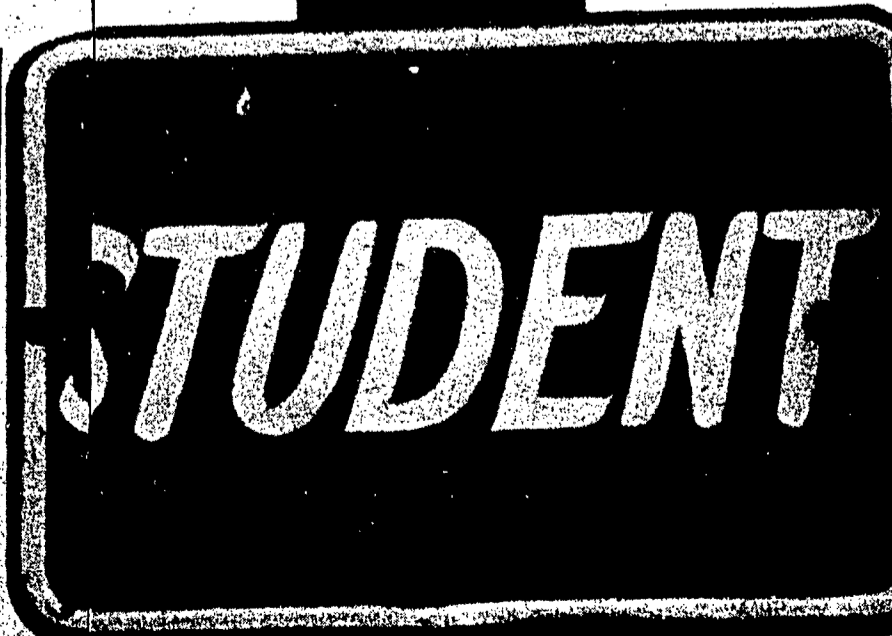
Brailey also mentioned that, in addition to a cutback in vandalism and theft, the new system "has created an opportunity for more students to work within the University."

He added that it is too early in the semester to tell if the plan is succeeding in decreasing vandalism and theft. But Wheeler said that there did seem to be fewer students wandering the halls after hours.

Brailey, Wake and Wheeler all agree that the idea behind the new plan is to make the campus more secure. Brailey concluded, "We're trying to prevent, not control."



Students returning to the campus are observing differences this fall. Dorm keys are no longer being issued to students. Parking lots are assigned. SAGA now operates the University food services. Students will note four administrators in new starring roles.



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## 'Have it your way'

Higher prices in the den? More food for the money in the cafeteria?

Whether favorable or unfavorable, changes have been made in the food services, and the agent involved is a corporation called Saga.

What is Saga and how did it come to take over the food service?

Saga, a national food business, is fast approaching a half billion dollars in sales. Founded in 1948 by three college students at Hobart College in New York who sought to improve their university's food service, Saga now serves 350 colleges and universities and has two divisions; Saga Food Service, which serves colleges, hospitals and other institutional food services, and Saga Enterprises, which owns Straw Hat Pizza and a number of other restaurants on the West coast.

Saga came to Maryville after presenting a sales approach to the administration over the last several years. This corporation also runs the food programs at Central Missouri State University, Southwest Missouri State University, Rockhurst College and Westminster College food programs.

Bob Smith, Saga's food service director here, is assisted by two food service managers, Del Simmons who works for the University and Bob Wilson who works for Saga.

Smith looks at Saga's relationship with the University as, "We work with the University to produce the kind of food service program they want. The University has told us the specifications they want us to serve. We are flexible in our programs to meet the needs of what the college has asked us to do."

The biggest change and improvement Saga has made, according to Smith, is "the offering of unlimited seconds at all meals." They will also serve festive types of meals once a month.

Another advantage of Saga which Smith pointed out is that it is not a catering service. All food is made on campus, not shipped in.

There have been some changes in the Snack Bar located in the Student Union Den.

"In the Snack Bar we have the commitment to increase the speed of service and to offer a product line that will satisfy the majority of students but at the same time keep the lines from building up," Smith said.

But what about the higher prices?

"In many cases the prices are higher, but the portions have increased," Smith explained. "We feel that the pricing in the Snack Bar is in line with our cost structure and what we are paying for the raw food product, and we are in line in what our patrons would pay if they went to another establishment."

"Any efficiency that Saga maintains in the food service area," Smith concluded, "will be a direct benefit to the student."

## 'Pave paradise to put up a parking lot'

The game of driving and parking on the NWMSU campus has taken a new twist this year.

Each registered car has an assigned lot. There are only as many cars assigned as there are parking spaces in the lot. Assignments were based on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The purpose of the move was threefold according to Director of Campus Security Earl Brailey. Hopefully, it will reduce the number of tickets, eliminate the confusion between off-campus and on-campus student parking and eliminate moving vehicles during the day.

In addition, Bishop Engineers, traffic planning service, has been contracted by the University to analyze existing auto and pedestrian traffic patterns and development of recommendations for improvements designed to control thru traffic on campus, remove dangerous intersections, ease points of vehicular and pedestrian traffic conflicts and control access to the central campus area.

Completion of the study is to be accomplished in 90 days.

# Student Forum

"What are your first impressions of college life?"

Marty Kohler, 18, a freshman Business major from Rosary High School in St. Louis, MO

"I'd have to say it's a good feeling knowing that I have a lot more freedom here at college. I'm able to make a lot of decisions on my own. I don't have to worry about what time I get in at night.

"I went to a fraternity party last weekend and I had a really good time. It's a good way to get to meet people. Everyone there was really friendly. I'm thinking about possibly joining a fraternity, but not right away.

The thing that's made the biggest impression on me was meeting President Owens. I ate dinner with him in the cafeteria and he seemed really interested in some of my opinions. I had always thought that a college president never had time to talk to the students but I'm glad I was wrong. He's really great to talk with."

Karri Mickey, 18, a freshman Art major from Creston High School in Creston, IA

"Being on my own is the thing I like the best. The people are friendly and really make an effort to help.

I'm an Art major and I really like my classes. They are a lot more interesting than some I had in high school. Most of my classes are in the Fine Arts Building and I really enjoy it there. Everything is so modern. I just wish the walk between Franken and the Fine Arts was a little shorter.

Right now I'm looking for a job. I'd like to work at the desk in the dormitory. It would be a good place to meet people. I hope to find a job soon.

I have a 20-meal plan food-contract and I enjoy eating in the cafeteria. The food is good. I especially like the salad bar."

Kathle Clark, 18, a freshman Physical Education major from Francis Howell High School in St. Louis, MO.

"I think it's great. For once I'm finally on my own. I like having the responsibility to make decisions myself.

I was a sprinter in high school and I plan on going out for track here. I hope I can contribute to the team.

My brother goes to school here and he's shown me around a little. My RA, Janet Burnham, has really helped me adjust to dorm living. It's different than being at home.

This is really a pretty campus. I was really impressed the first time I saw it. I went to the street dance and I had a good time. It was a good place to meet a lot of new friends."

Lonnle Wilson, 17, a freshman Accounting major from Raytown South High School in Kansas City, MO.

"One thing I've noticed is that you shouldn't fall behind in your homework because it's a lot harder to make up work here than it was in high school. The homework isn't that hard if you keep on top of it and don't get behind."

"There seems to be a lot to do here on campus. I like to go over to the games area with my friends. Later on I want to join an intramural basketball team. I wish there was as much to do in Maryville as there is on campus. They need to have more theatres and recreational facilities.

"It's really easy to get around here on campus. It's not so big that it takes you forever to get to class. My dorm is really comfortable and I really like living there."

"One thing I'd like to see changed is longer visitation hours in the girls' dorms. That way I could stay and watch a late movie and not have to worry about what time it is."

## Privacy rights policy announced

Under the provision of the Privacy Rights of Parents and Students Section 99.3, NWMSU must give public notice of the categories of public directory information which it has designated with respect to each student attending the institution and shall allow a reasonable period of time after such notice has been given for the student to notify the institution that the student does not want the information released without the student's consent.

Under the above provisions officials of NWMSU will release the following information on currently enrolled students:

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- (4) Date and place of birth

- (5) Major field of study
- (6) Participation in officially recognized activities and sports
- (7) Weight and height of members of athletic teams
- (8) Dates of attendance
- (9) Degrees and awards received
- (10) The most recent educational agency or institution attended

A student must contact the Registrar within ten days if he/she does not want this directory information released. The Registrar's office will inform all recipients of the directory of the names of students desiring that the directory information not be released.

Any violations of this policy should be reported to the Dean of Students by calling 582-7141, Extension 165.



Long lines formed in the Administration Building during fee payment days. Some pre-registered students avoided the lines by opting for payment by mail. 4,185 paid fees for fall semester enrollment. (Photo by Dave Gieseke.)

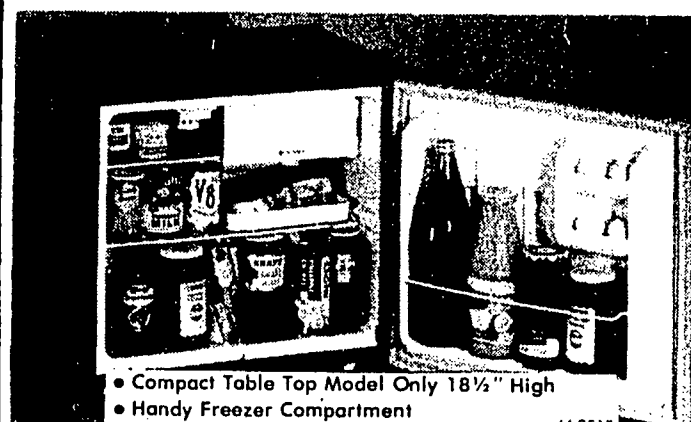
## Enrollment shows increase

When classes began Aug. 31, there was a slight increase over last year's total enrollment. According to Dr. John Mees, Vice-President for Student Development, 2,093 men and 2,092 women were enrolled in undergraduate and graduate classes. Of those attending, 1,002 are first-time freshmen.

This year 136 more students, a total of 4,185, compared to last years 4,049, are occupying the grounds of NWMSU.

Last fall's enrollment, after completion of all off-campus enrollment and late-on-campus registration, totaled 4,682 students. In the spring of 1977, 4,287 students were attending NWMSU.

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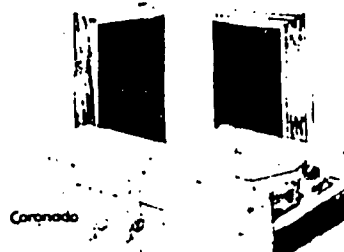
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Marvin Silliman, has been named Intramural and Recreation Director. Two graduate assistants will work under Silliman. (Photo by Frank Mercer.)

## Intramurals name Silliman director

Marvin Silliman, Student Union director since 1969, added the duties of Intramurals and Recreation Director this year.

Silliman's main vow is to increase student involvement at NWMSU.

"In the past," said Silliman "fraternities have always had good participation in intramurals, and we expect that to continue this year, but this year we're determined to get more involvement from the independent groups and from the residence halls."

He went on to report that co-ed volleyball, tennis, and bowling will be offered this fall. Tennis, track, field hockey, and volleyball for women plus tennis, cross country, and football for men will also be offered.

Co-ed programs are the major change from last year's policy of segregated programs.

Silliman is NWMSU's first full time intramural director over the newly formed Intramural Board (which replaces men's and women's intramural committees).

Silliman will be assisted by Western Illinois University graduate, Kim Becker of Algonquin, Ill.; and Tom Shannon, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan College, from Columbus, Ohio.

On Marvin's recreation role he says that he is hoping to expand hours in Martindale's swimming pool. He plans to keep the tennis courts, playing fields and other physical facilities in good condition.



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## Idea exchange aids counselors

Northwest Missouri school counselors and administrators shared ideas and procedures Sept. 14-15 at the second annual Counselor-Administrator Workshop at NWMSU.

Sponsored jointly by the University's Student Union Board and the Northwest Missouri Guidance Association, the workshop featured a team of University-related and Guidance Association individuals on the two-day program. The workshop was held in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

The purpose of the workshop, according to Gus Rischer, associate professor of psychology and chairman of the workshop's coordinating committee, was intended to help schools, school districts and individual counselors face the daily challenges of meeting the needs and goals of the students they serve. Exchange of ideas between the workshop's participants was the basis for this service.

The coordination committee planned that at least one counselor and the principal from each secondary school in the district would attend the seminar.

Serving as guest clinician for the workshop with the theme "The Humanistic Approach to Counseling the Student with Drug and Alcohol Problems," was Dr.

Charles Jackard, director of guidance, career education services and alternative education programs at the Shawnee Mission, KS, public schools.

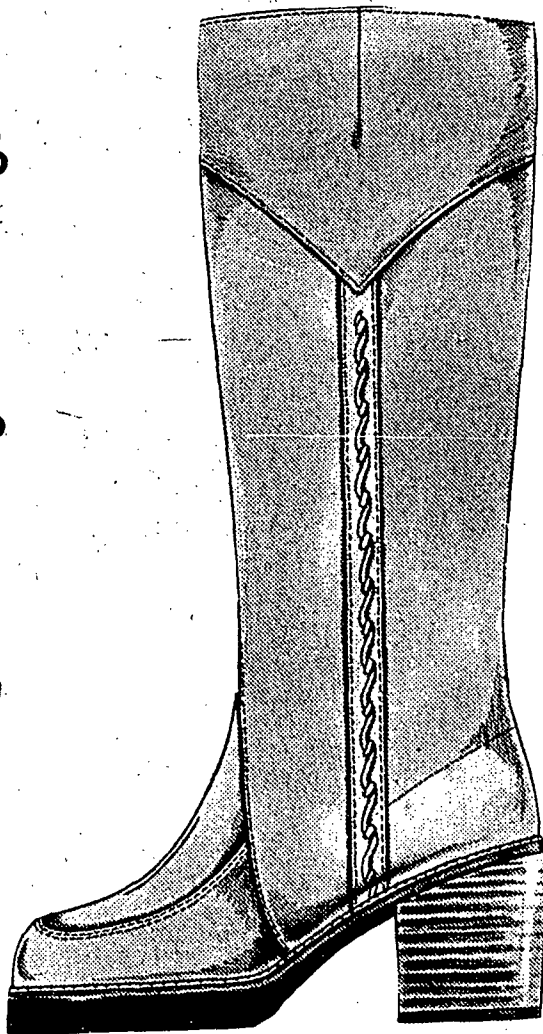
The remainder of the workshop included presentations on counselor accountability, human relations training and alternative education on Sept. 14 and a wide selection of presentations Sept. 15.

A session dealing with Behavior Indicators of Substance Abuse was also available with a film entitled, "Chalk Talk on Alcohol."

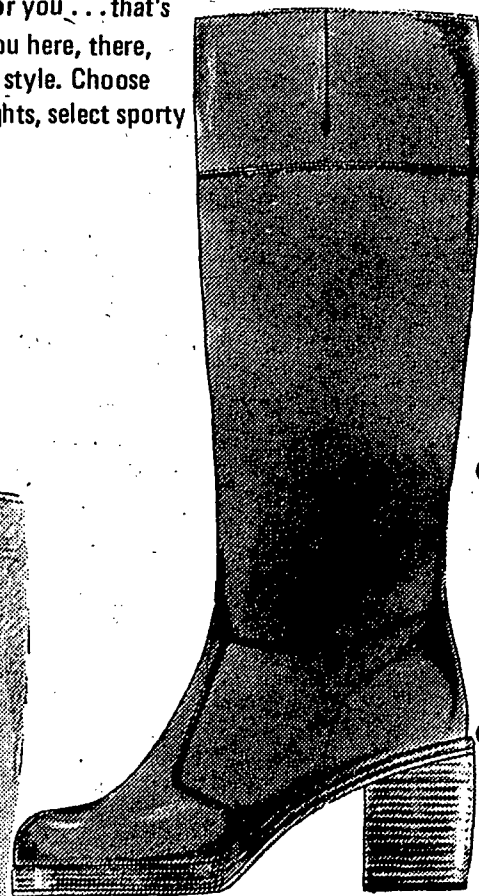
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So reads the equal employment/affirmative action statement now being used on campus.

The NWMSU affirmative action plan is twofold. It states that the University is an equal opportunity employer and will henceforth employ women and minorities equally. The plan also sets out to eliminate any previous inequity regardless of the reason.

Executive order 11246, signed by President Lyndon Johnson, requires institutions of higher learning to remedy discrimination against women and minorities. To receive federal funds, institutions must comply with this order by formulating a specific plan of action, and filing it with the United States government.

### Employment policies will be monitored on campus.

The NWMSU Affirmative Action Committee, appointed in 1973 by President Robert Foster, solidified the plan last summer. Conflicting guidelines from government agencies, the Department of Labor and the Office of Education complicated the committee's work. Correct interpretations of the laws were also time consuming.

The Affirmative Action Plan was approved by the Board of Regents Apr. 27, 1977

Dr. Don Petry serves as Equal Employment Officer on campus. He stresses that for the last six years the university has worked on awareness of equal employment in both student and faculty areas.

Dr. Petry points out that there are not enough qualified women or minorities to satisfy non-discrimination requirements. After realizing this the next step was to encourage these groups to become more qualified so that they could fill such positions.

### Women and minorities needed

"to become more qualified..."

A Committee on Employment Equality will be set up to hear grievances and monitor equal employment policies and actions on campus. This committee will be composed of four faculty members, two male and two female, a woman and a man from the employment levels 7 and 8, which include supervisors, secretaries, clerks, campus crew and food service employees.

Also on the committee will be a woman and a man from employment levels 2, 3, 4 and/or 6, which include administrators, deans, directors, registrar and managers. A female and a male student, one an undergraduate and the other a graduate student will round out the committee.

Dr. Margaret Briggs, a member of the original committee stated: "The most important thing about the plan is that every employee familiarize him or herself with the plan and make every effort to support and see that they and their bosses follow it and that they utilize the privileges provided by the plan in seeking redress of their grievances, if any."

## Adults flock to college campus

According to a national survey, adults over age 25 make up more than 35 per cent of the total college enrollment.

And the college and universities, suffering declining student enrollment and rising costs, are welcoming these newcomers with open arms. They are

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## TKE's place first at national convention

NWMSU's Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity has been selected "the top TKE in the nation" at the bi-annual conclave held at New Orleans, LA, Aug. 15-19.

Representing NWMSU at the five day meeting were John Moore, president; Dean Nugent, secretary; Tad Trecker, rush chairman, and Mark Martens, assistant social chairman.

"Conclave is basically a convention where delegates from each chapter come and have their year of activities reviewed, and sometimes like ourselves rewarded," said Moore.

TKE activities are reviewed by a selection committee on the basis of the following factors: the size of the chapter, the number of initiates or actives, grade point averages, which are supplied by the university and the amount of community and intramural participation.

The NWMSU TKE's scored high in all

four areas. On top of being the fifth largest chapter in the nation with 103 members, they initiated more actives, a total of 43, during the past year than any other chapter.

Also, the selection committee cited the TKE's for their 13 community projects, which included hosting two parties for exceptional children, helping the campus radio station KDLX, with its Christmas fund drive and the Maryville Easter Egg hunt.

The conclave is also involved in educating the TKE's. Seminars were held to better acquaint members on the proper ways to run their chapter.

After the seminars, entertainment was provided by fraternity brothers Danny Thomas and the Lettermen, as well as the TKE's themselves, who later participated in a parade celebrating the week's climactic ending.



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# 'Cats overcome elements and opponents



ABOVE LEFT: Senior tightend Steve Tangeman (88) catches the winning TD in the Chadron State game. RIGHT: Brad Boyer (81) and Dan Montgomery (32) help quarterback Kirk Mathews (11) celebrate his first TD of the year. (Photos by Jay Liebhenguth.) BELOW: Noseguard Lewis Kincade leads the rush against Chadron State. (Photo by Chuck Stolz.)

After a successful two-game home stand, the football Bearcats will hit the road for the first time this Saturday when they visit Liberty, MO, to play William Jewell.

The season-opener home stand included a 9-6 win over Chadron State and a 27-14 win over Pittsburg State last Saturday.

The Chadron State game, played on a muddy field, was not decided until the final two minutes. Chadron led nearly the entire game, scoring in the first quarter on a two-yard run by Ron Hoffman to cap a 55-yard drive. The extra point failed.

The Bearcats were able to score in the second quarter on a 27-yard field goal by Shawn Geraghty to draw the score to 6-3. That was all the scoring until late in the fourth quarter.

After three fourth-period turnovers, the Bearcats finally put together a drive that went 83 yards in six plays. The big play was a 75-yard pass play with quarterback Kirk Mathews teaming up with Brad Boyer on the receiving end. This brought the 'Cats to the Chadron five-yard line. Three plays netted one yard, and on fourth and goal from the four, Mathews connected with tight end Steve Tangeman to score and put the Bearcats ahead for the first time, with only 1:29 left to play.

The Bearcats' second game, with Pittsburg State, was decided much earlier. Played in conditions nearly the opposite of the first game, the Bearcats were able to put on an offensive display.

After a scoreless first quarter, Pittsburg State drew first blood with a one-yard run by Mark Hittner capping an 80-yard drive. The point after attempt was good and at the half Pittsburg State led 7-0.

In the second half, the Bearcat offense came alive, gaining 299 yards, with 239 of that coming on the ground. The second half ground game was led by quarterback Kirk Mathews, who gained 91 of his 100 yards rushing in the second half. Jim Solo chipped in with 62 yards in the final half.

The yardage explosion resulted in 27 second-half points. The 'Cats managed 17 points in the third quarter, beginning with a 37-yard field goal by Shawn Geraghty and then added with two touchdown runs by Mathews, the first for 34 yards and the second from 25 yards out. Geraghty added the extra point both times.

In the fourth quarter, NWMSU added ten more points, with Geraghty kicking a 23-yard field goal before Kirk Mathews scored one more time, this time from 16 yards out.

After the final Bearcat score, Pittsburg State scored one more touchdown to make the final score 27-14 in favor of the Bearcats.

The two games gave Coach James Redd reason for optimism. According to Redd, "We've got the potential, and we are beginning to see improvement. We are getting good team effort by all the squad."

Redd praised the defense for its efforts in the first two games. "The defense is playing real well. The entire secondary is playing very well." He cited Marty Albertson, safety, for his good play. Through two games he has intercepted two passes and leads the defense in defensive point statistics. The other three in the secondary are Mark VanSickle, James Leigh and Darrel Davis, who Redd says had probably his best game ever last Saturday with Pittsburg.

Others on defense who have been making their presence felt include tackles Joe Hederrman and Steve Anderson; Bill Roux and Rick Tate, linebackers; and defensive end Wayne Allen.

The offense, according to Redd, has done well so far, but needs to execute better and develop more consistency. The offense has been led so far by Quarterback Mathews who probably had his best collegiate game against Pittsburg. Mathews is the leading rusher for the team so far with 166 yards, and he is averaging 226 yards a game in total offense.

Contributing to the rushing game so far have been Jim Solo and Dan Montgomery, who have been averaging better than 120 yards between them.

The receiving corps are led by Brad Boyer, who is averaging 27.6 yards per catch. Also contributing has been Steve Tangeman, tight end.

Line play thus far has been led by tackle Bob Wehde and center Andy Ruesche, who is starting for the first time this year.

These players will lead the charges Saturday against William Jewell, a team who won three of its final four games last year and is 1-0 so far this year. They are, according to Redd, a team that throws well and runs out of the I-formation. They usually have a good, quick defense and usually come up with one or two surprise plays a game.

They are led offensively by tailback Kevin Kinney, brother of ex-Nebraska star Jeff Kinney, and an all-conference selection last year.

Defensively, the Cardinals are led by all-conference defensive end Jeff Davis and district mentions Chuck Vifquain, a linebacker and defensive backs Jack Stasi and Chris Brosnahan.

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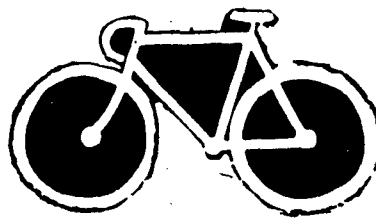
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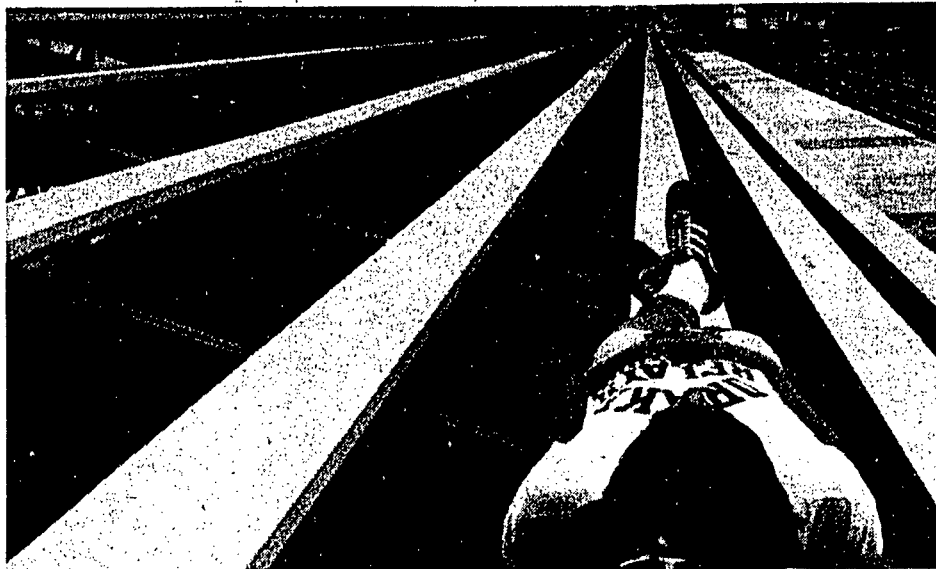
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A solitary student pauses a moment to try out the new addition to Rickenbrode Stadium: the east-side bleachers. The new bleachers make possible better viewing of the game, as well as a better resting place. (Photo by Chuck Stolz.)

## New coaches hired

Two women will begin their first season as college level coaches in the Bearkitten athletic program this season after receiving master's degrees from Western Illinois University last spring.

Laurie Meyers will take over the cross country program, replacing Dr. Glenda Guillems who resigned from the position after one season. Meyers, 25, of Belvidere, Ill., was a member of the women's cross country, track and field, field hockey and swim teams during her undergraduate years at Western Illinois.

She served as the school's head women's cross country and track and field coach during 1975-76 and was an assistant men's track and field coach last season. She has participated in AAU and AIAW national competition in track and field, swimming and cross country and has directed individuals to AIAW nationals in cross country and track.

Pamela Stanek will replace Theresa Hospodarsky as head women's volleyball coach after Hospodarsky resigned last season. Stanek, 26, of Hillsboro, Wis., who will be taking over a volleyball program in its third intercollegiate season, participated in volleyball, softball, and track and field on the intercollegiate level.

She also competed at the AAU level in basketball and was a member of the USVBA team. Stanek also served as assistant women's volleyball coach at Western Illinois last year.

## Bearcat varsity cross country '77

Sept. 16	Nebraska Wesleyan	4 p.m.
Sept. 23	Northeast Mo. State	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	Missouri Intercollegiate	11 a.m.
Oct. 7	Nebraska-Omaha-Central Mo. State	4 p.m.
Oct. 15	Southwest Mo. State	11 a.m.
Oct. 21	Central Mo. State	4 p.m.
Oct. 24	Tarkio	4 p.m.
Nov. 5	MIAA Championships	10:30 a.m.
Nov. 12	NCAA Division II Championships	10:30 a.m.

## 'Bleacher Bums' are sittin' pretty

Two games into the current football season, the Bearcat football team isn't the only thing in Rickenbrode Stadium that looks to be improved.

Another noticeable improvement for the fans this year is the field's east bleachers. This, the student section, has been raised up 42 inches on a concrete platform to give students a better view of play. Also, the bleachers have been moved farther back from the track, and a sidewalk has been poured between the bleachers and the track.

In addition, a sidewalk has been put around the north and south curves of the track to link the east and west bleachers and a four-foot high fence installed to separate the track and the sidewalk.

Ramps have been built to lead to the east bleachers and the wooden seats have been replaced by aluminum.

One final improvement to the stadium was the installation of an underground irrigation system. The system will be controlled by an electric clock.

# The challenge.

Match the proper colors to the clues shown below.

1. London's Fang \_\_\_\_\_
2. Beatles' Fields \_\_\_\_\_
3. Chandler's Dahlia \_\_\_\_\_
4. School's Board \_\_\_\_\_
5. Calcutta's Hole \_\_\_\_\_
6. Pope's Helper \_\_\_\_\_
7. Wambaugh's Knight \_\_\_\_\_
8. High-class Blood \_\_\_\_\_
9. Capri's Grotto \_\_\_\_\_
10. Hugo's Pimpernel \_\_\_\_\_
11. Gainsborough's Boy \_\_\_\_\_
12. Robin Hood's Will \_\_\_\_\_
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# 'Cats run "Longest Yard"

Even without their top runner, the NWMSU men's cross-country team defeated the Lincoln Tigers 23-28 in the only home meet of the year.

"It (the meet) was a pleasant surprise to me," new Head Coach Richard Alsup said, "I heard that Lincoln had two All-Americans so I didn't know what to expect."

Leading the way for the Bearcats was junior Bob Kelchner. Kelchner finished second behind Charles Lane of Lincoln. Senior Jeff Roberts came next with a third-place finish for NWMSU.

Other top Bearcat runners were Mike Sayers, who finished sixth, David Winslow, who wound up seventh while Greg Miller was eighth.

The team had to compete without team leader Vernon Darling. Darling, a senior who was twelfth in the MIAA last year, had a stiff left knee and could not run. He was put on an inflammatory medication; and according to Coach Alsup if the knee does not respond to this medication, Darling faces possible surgery.

Besides Darling, the Bearcats have lost George Boateng, a senior who did not participate this year. The 'Cats, though, have both Miller and Rex Jackson back this year. Neither was expected on the team.

As any first-year coach, Alsup is optimistic about the season.

"I think the way these kids are acting they will be competitive against anyone. I just hope we progress at a good, even rate and hold down on the injuries," he said.

In an attempt to reduce injuries, Alsup, who was nominated for "Nebraska High School Coach of the Year" honors in 1976, has brought a change to NWMSU.

"We are putting in a little less mileage," he said, "I don't want to push them too hard."

Without too many injuries Alsup hopes to improve on the squad's 2-4 dual record of a year before. This might prove to be difficult as the 'Cats ran their only home meet of the year September 3.

Commenting on whether the lack of home meets will hurt his team's performance Coach Alsup said, "It depends on the kids. If the competition is real close then it might make a difference."

With a little luck and Vernon Darling, Coach Alsup just might have a winning team in his first year.



First-year head cross-country coach Richard Alsup and one of his distance men discuss some strategy in preparation for their next meet. Alsup's runners so far have compiled a 1-1 meet mark. (Photo by Dave Gieseke.)

## NWMSU Football '77

\*Home Games

Sept. 17	William Jewell	7:30
Sept. 24	Fort Hays State	7:30
Oct. 1*	Central Arkansas	7:30
Oct 8	Southwest Mo. State	7:30
Oct. 15	Southeast Mo. State	8:00
Oct. 22*	Central Mo. State (Homecoming)	2:00
Oct. 29	Missouri-Rolla	2:00
Nov. 5*	Lincoln	2:00
Nov. 12*	Northeast Mo. State	2:00

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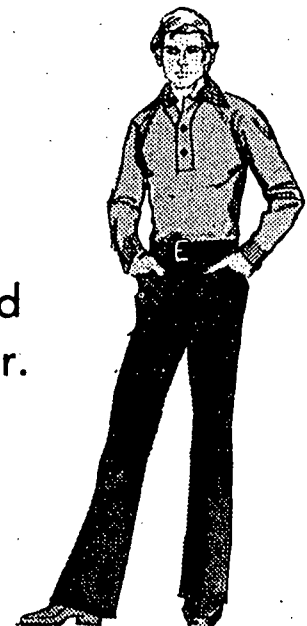
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# The Stroller



roomie". Before his mouth dropped completely to the floor, your Stroller did manage a "what's happenin'?" The "loonie roomie" seemed to be completely caught off guard by your Stroller's inquisition and got all flustered.

He made a mad dash to the desk, shuffled through heaps of papers and rustled out the one he'd sought and handed it to your Stroller. Naturally, the guy's appearance had already left your Stroller dumb-founded, but he was shaken even more realizing that the "loonie roomie" had presented your Stroller a list of the week's activities.

Sensing the possibility of a definite communication gap, your Stroller decided to tell this character (to give him a fair warning) a bit about his social life, (your Stroller always manages to be in the "spirit" of things at any and all functions).

However partying did not seem to be the "loonie roomie's" idea of a good time. His idea of a "good time" was a wholesome evening of watching Lawrence Welk on Saturday nights, doing a little needlepoint, and catching up on some exciting reading before it was time to turn in (he told your Stroller that Volume S of the Encyclopedia Britannica was his favorite.)

That piece of earth-shattering news was too much for your Stroller. He left the room, a wise move he thought, since he wasn't sure if he was starting to cry or was just allergic to the Lysol the "loonie roomie" had sprayed on him--to kill the germs, he'd explained.

Shaking his head in disbelief, your Stroller left the dorm. He thought that possibly a stroll around the campus would do some good and who knows, maybe he'd find a party.

Assuming that everyone survived the grasshopper plague, the ungodly heat and our nation's highways and country roads over the summer--your Stroller would like to say welcome back to campus, friends and foes alike. Once again, your Stroller, that forever lovable partier, adamant wanderer, persevering philosopher and old master of wit and wisdom, is in fine form for another year of fun and frolic at NWMSU.

One of the most anxiously awaited periods of the new school year turned out to be a colossal bummer for your Stroller--meeting the roommate. Taking pot luck when choosing a roommate can be a "real treat" for some individual; for your Stroller--it was the pits.

Prior to entering his humble abode for the year, your Stroller had hoped that he would possibly obtain a prospective party comrade for a roommate--au contraire!

Your Stroller had once heard some wise old prophet (possibly one of the custodians) say, "first impressions are worth a million." Your Stroller would not have dished out a wooden nickel for even a sneak preview this time. The roomie turned out to be not your basic "fun-type" person; he wasn't even close.

## This "loonie roomie" was the cream of the crop.

At first glance your Stroller realized that the "loonie roomie" curse had been bestowed upon him.

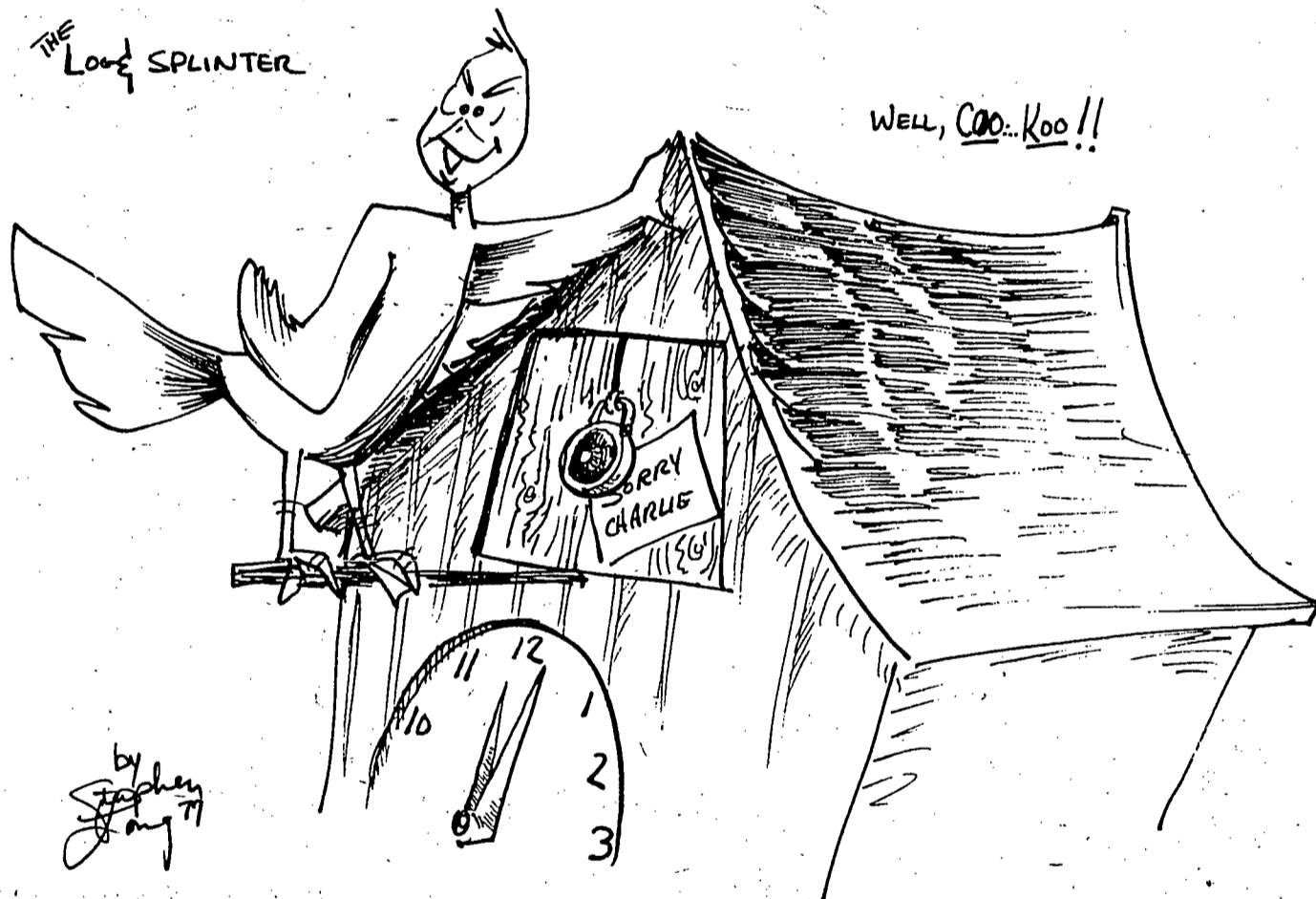
The "loonie roomie" curse can be cast upon a student by the Housing Office. It's a real "sickie" game they like to play. They love to match up completely opposite, incompatible people as roommates and watch the sane one (your Stroller in this case) go crazy.

There are just certain signs that give away a "loonie roomie"--he's marked for life. But this one was the cream of the crop. They must have searched long and hard to find this one. No doubt about it.

In your Stroller's case, the "loonie roomie's" tell-tale signs were: the Coke bottle-bottom-thick glasses, the Chip 'n Dale overbite, the seaweed green scratch and sniff T-shirt from the San Diego Zoo, the chartreuse bermuda shorts (or extra short, high-water pants, your Stroller cannot be absolutely positive which), and the knee-high, fluorescent pink, tube socks with Mickey and Minnie Mouse smooching. However, despite his 7'2" frame, that would barely carry enough weight for a 3' 2" dwarf; the topper of them all was that he was playing Christmas music on his Close 'n Play record player.

Being the friendly, easy-to-get-along-with person that he is, your Stroller decided to sit and chat with the "loonie

THE LOONIE SPLINTER



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Kathy Bovaird

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